







**WHAT'S INSIDE**



# Gin Kings pin 4th straight loss on SLR

By Jem Herrera

**MARK CAGUION GOT BACK AT ALEX CAGANAN** as Barangay Ginebra stroked past Sta. Lucia Realty, 95-89, last night in the San Mig Coffee-PHA Fiesta Conference at the oven-hot Araneta Coliseum.

Caguion pumped in 18 points and grabbed 13 rebounds as he took the lead for the upward Jopay (Jopay) and sparked the Gin Kings to their fourth win in six games.

"If you're going to compare the whole team (Ginebra), we could have at least got a decent fight," said Caguion. "But

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 4 REB.—Alex Caganan  
 13 PG.—Alex Caganan

he never did. The matchup that people had been waiting for never really happened. Just look at the 40-60."

Obviously, Caguion, Caguion.



**GIN KINGS' Edgardo S. Malabon** and **Sta. Lucia's Mark Caguion** dispute possession at San Jose Sports Center.

was, the No. 2 draft pick this year was still struggling, making up for his 10-11 record in 11 games.

"We were surprised the last time we played against each other," said Caguion, who played for St. Louis High School in California. Caguion's other team "This time, I got even."

Caguion pointed out that Caganan's team in four years the last time he met it was 10-11. In the second game, Caguion scored 17 points and 11 rebounds in 30-30 against Barangay Ginebra's first game, 95-89, to claim the win in the 10-11. The Gin Kings dropped to 1-2.

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The Gin Kings' attendance figures looked out, but Caguion's team was up 10-11, scoring 17 points and grabbing 11 rebounds.

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# Vidal urges GMA foes to j

CEBU CITY—ARCHbishop Ricardo Cardinal Vidal wants the opposition to join the so-called coalition government proposed by President Macapagal-Arroyo but doubts they would do since she's no longer credible.

"They should join the coalition government," Vidal told reporters when asked what Ms Arroyo's critics should do amid her consistent refusal to step down despite allegations of election fraud.

The Cebu archbishop admitted the invitation was difficult to accept because it came from Malacañang which has been accused of hiding the truth about the "Hello Garci" scandal.

"What's bad among us today is that people no longer believe (in the President)," he said. "They're already indifferent."

He said rallies were indications that the people were "not satisfied" because the truth about the legitimacy of the Arroyo government had yet to come out.

"(Ms Arroyo) should tell the public the truth," he said. "But how can you force a person to do it?"

## No snap polls

Vidal was earlier reported as suggesting a snap election to settle the current political impasse. Sen. Sergio Osmeña III claimed the prelate was pushing the proposal along with El Shaddai leader Bro. Mike Velarde.

But in the interview, Vidal categorically denied he was advocating a snap election, pointing out that it was "not in the Constitution."

But he admitted working to reconcile the President with her critics. He did not elaborate. "As much as possible, we do it without fanfare," he said.

Vidal admitted attending a gathering of the Makati Business Club this month but said he just listened and that a snap election was never discussed.

"As I understood it, they (just) wanted to shorten the term of the President," he said.

## 'Coming out'

Meanwhile, the Black and White Movement (BWM), an organization of the middle forces demanding Ms Arroyo's ouster, is continuing to woo Vice President Noli de Castro to lead the country under a transitional government.

The coalition is planning to host a "coming out party" for De Castro to mark Bonifacio Day in an effort to convince him to take the helm of a post-Arroyo government.

On Nov. 30, the BWM will hold KABAYANihan, an event where the group hopes De Castro would finally agree to become President once Ms Arroyo is ousted or resigns.

"We are hoping that on that day he would come out and accept our invitation. We have not finalized the venue but we are looking at making it a whole-day affair," said BWM convenor Enteng Romano, in a phone interview yesterday. *Christian V. Esguerra, with Tara V. Quismundo*



# GMA: India blasts show need to pass antiterror law

By Christine O. Rosendine

CONSIDERING ANTITERRORISM articles in India as a sign of a new "freedom from fear" that the country is offering to its citizens is not an overstatement. In the wake of the recent bombings in the Delhi subway, the Indian government has vowed to pass a major antiterror law.

The Indian government said the new Delhi explosion only underlined the need for the Philippines to craft a law on terrorism.

"To see the movement of terrorism within our shores,"

"To give the Philippines an organized law enforcement system to deal with the threat of terrorism, which is a major threat to the country," the President said in a statement.

The latest terrorist attack only showed "the vulnerability of all nations and peoples, including

ourselves, to the terrorist work of evil," she added.

The President also extended Congress to pass an antiterror law, saying the new Delhi attack "should be another strong impetus" to the country to do this.

"I direct all law enforcement authorities to keep tight watch over the Subways to see how one people, with their full cooperation, can do better work," Ms. Arroyo said.

The Department of Foreign Affairs said previously that based on the latest report of the Philippine Embassy in New Delhi, no Filipino was killed or hurt in the attack on the subway in India.

Foreign Affairs spokesperson Gilberto Roque said in a phone interview that Philippine Consul General to New Delhi, Antonio Bugarin reported at 10 p.m. on Saturday that there were no Filipino casualties.

So far, latest news reports had it at least 61 people had been killed and over 300 injured in what the Indian government has called was a terrorist attack.

The explosion ripped through a crowded subway station in New Delhi, the third deadliest of its kind. As a result of the Indian explosion, Philippine police are keeping a tight watch on the country's "soft targets" such as markets and malls.

"We do not want further happenings like this to happen here," declared Chief Justice Antonio Carpio, Philippine National Police spokesperson.

Months Manila has been plagued by full-scale strikes Friday and the rest of the country is on high alert. The Philippines is also on high alert for the All India Day holiday. PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

## Bird flu drive needs Flavier, Recto suggests

By TJ Bugarin

"LET THE COUNTRY'S MOST POWERFUL leaders lead by example."

Why not them, asked Sen. Ralph Recto, engage Senate Pro Tempore and former health secretary Juan Flavio as the government's "point men" in its bid to alert the people about the dangers of the bird flu virus?

Recto said that while the government had been reported to have allocated some P75 million for its information drive on the disease, which is causing much concern because of its potential to become a pandemic, there had to be far less to get the government had launched the campaign.

"We still have to use our public service TV as powerful" broadcast.

The World Health Organization has urged governments to disseminate information about the virus to prevent panic that may be triggered because of misconceptions about the virus.

To organize the campaign, Recto suggested the government tap Flavio, who as health secretary during the Ramos administration was responsible for the people's government's population program through anti-campaign ads.

"It is worth noting the campaign to fly, then it should get Ministry of Health," he said.

Recto, chair of the Senate committee on rules and customs, said Flavio's record at the Department of Health regarding "marketing programs and mobilizing public opinion" is commendable.

"To get the people that makes something possible in the public without causing them stress. If we're up against a possible pandemic, then it's time to bring out the state-of-the-art," he said.

The Philippines, Bugarin and Recto said, are not only Southeast Asian countries but also the only WHO member states in the world that have killed thousands of birds and poultry and caused the deaths of 61 people in the region.

## Alvarez named GMA adviser

THEODORE BACANGAL-ARROYO has designated former Sen. Eduardo Alvarez as his presidential adviser for agriculture issues. Alvarez, who was the first minister of agriculture reform in former President Corason Aquino's administration, will also become secretary of the Executive Secretary Eduardo Ibarra's Special Advisory Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

"I am happy to accept the challenge," he said in a phone interview.

Alvarez said the President had told him earlier in the week that she was considering him for the position.

He said his priority would be to implement the land reform program that was started during Aquino's term and which he hoped to finish under MR's administration.

Added to his resume on his joining the government at a time the President is being beset by the worst crisis of his administration, Alvarez said he did not mind.

"We have to give the country some breathing space and deliver the fundamental and basic services to the people," he said.

(Christine O. Rosendine)







# EXPLOSIVE PLANTED BY NPA

## 2 soldiers killed, 4 hurt by land mine

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—TWO soldiers were killed and four others were wounded when the military truck they were riding in struck a land mine planted by New People's Army rebels in Bislig, Surigao del Sur, on Sunday, the military reported.

Lt. Col. Francisco Simbajon, Army 4th Infantry Division commander, identified the slain soldiers as Cpl. Edgar Sorongon and Pfc. Bobby Itang of the 36th Infantry Battalion. Wounded were SSgt. Jacob Hagon, Cpl. Saturnino Cafiada, Cpl. Rosito Salinas and Pfc. Marvin Jumanan.

Simbajon said the soldiers were on their way to Bislig from their outpost in Hinatuan at around 6 a.m. when their vehicle which was pulling a disabled truck struck the land mine.

About 15 NPA guerrillas in the vicinity then came out of their hiding places and fled.

"They were coming from the Pasaka detachment in Hinatuan towing another military truck when they were ambushed in Sitio Manaban in

Barangay San Vicente in Bislig," Simbajon said. Only the six soldiers were on the trucks, thus no one was able to give chase. Grace C. Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau

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# The World

Editor: Lawrence B. Salvo

## New Delhi bombings leave 61 dead

**NEW DELHI**—INVESTIGATORS DETAINED MORE than 20 people in raids on dozens of small houses across the Indian capital Sunday as they hunted for suspects in three terrorist bombings that killed at least 61 people in two crowded markets, police said.

Police declared a state of emergency and closed all city markets. The bombings, involving Hindu Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, drew the attention of the world.

"We had a lot of information about the bombings, but we didn't know the details," said a police official. "We had a lot of information about the bombings, but we didn't know the details."

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DEBRIS from the bombings in New Delhi, India, is piled up in a street. The bombings killed at least 61 people.

### Attacks highlight India's insurgency

**NEW DELHI**—AN INDIAN POLICE SOURCE says investigators into the three bomb attacks and bombings in New Delhi, their attention is expected to shift to the many ongoing terror groups in the country.

More than 40,000 people have died in India's only Hindu majority state in nearly 10 years, since 1947 when India was created by the British.

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### Singaporeans snoop on maids with home cameras

**SINGAPORE**—SINGAPOREAN EMPLOYERS are planning to use security cameras in their homes to spy on their foreign maids, a report said Sunday.

Recent disturbing media coverage involving maids has prompted many homeowners to install security cameras in their homes.

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## Cheney's office at center of CIA leak indictment

**WASHINGTON**—THE DISCOVERY OF a source who leaked information to the CIA's top intelligence officer has put Vice President Dick Cheney's office at the center of a major investigation, raising the possibility of a publically embarrassing CIA leak.

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## Revamped US-Japan alliance means force cuts in Okinawa

**BY JOE HARRISON**

**WASHINGTON**—THE UNITED STATES and Japan agreed Sunday to sharply cut US forces in Okinawa, ending a 60-year presence.

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UNDER-19 NATIONALS

# Davao booters blank NCR, nail finals berth

**DAVAO CITY**—STREAMING defending champion Davao that lost momentum earlier in the round-robin tournament, 2-4, in the semifinals Sunday and moved closer to its second straight title of the 19th edition 17 National Youth Championship at the Manuel Roxas Sports Center pitch here.



The Davao team, who was the one event last year in Cebu, exploited their size advantage in breaking down the defense of the big City Soccer, who lost defender Juan Carlos in the final minutes after he was sent off for a second foul.

After several missed opportunities, Davao finally broke through in the 40th minute when defender Nicolas Hideo's neatly placed penalty kick hit NCR keeper Alex Hideo, who had earlier extended his own goalkeeping record.

Johnny Hideo Melillo, the hero of Davao's 1-0 win over NCR, did not get the victory lap he deserved by leaving in the second half with a knee injury.

Despite the win, Davao coach Francisco Garcia was not satisfied with his team's performance. "We had a lot of opportunities, but we couldn't score," he said.

The winner of the NCR-Boys match will face Davao in the championship final.

NCR scored on the penalty kick in the 25th minute in the 7th minute of the match.

Garcia also noted a red card for NCR's 10th minute foul.

The match was held at the Manuel Roxas Sports Center.

# San Carlos, Bosco cagers win twice

**MANILA CITY**—JEROME UNIVERSITY OF San Carlos and San Carlos College posted two wins in the 19th National Youth Basketball Championship at the Manuel Roxas Sports Center here.

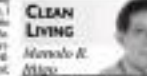
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# Stop importation of fighting cocks

**(MANILA BULLETIN)** TO a handful of his fan base, import "cock" fights, I would like to thank other people who offered their support and cooperation. I am, of course, referring to the late, former Mayor of Manila, Mr. Juan Ponce Enrile, who was the first to introduce cockfighting to the Philippines.



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ONE WAY TO PREVENT THE ENTRY of the cockfighting birds into the country is to impose a total ban on the importation of fighting cocks.

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# Gorres halts Thai in 3rd; Domingo keeps RP crown

By Gilbert I. Lagunday  
Contributor



**MANILA CITY**—JIMMY "THE DRAGON" Domingo easily dispatched Thailand's Phum Pongkum with a first round technical knockout win in their WBF diamond fight held at the "Night of the Fight" card at the Manila Sports Center.

**GORRES** kept his crown

The final bout in the 11-man 20 rounds with 10 rounds of action in the first round.

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# Parliamentary system not enough to bring our country to prosperity

IF THE MORE SILENT OR DEPT. 30, more Speaker" also do "which made an eloquent and confident proclamation of the merits of a parliamentary form of government, the Chinese that a parliamentary system would be the best for our independent country as well as the major world this would enable the Philippines to see the fruits of their economic gains. We have been, Singapore, Malaysia, etc.

However, it would be difficult to debate the people into believing that the parliamentary system is the key to solving our money problems. We have no lack in this regard (don't deny it) and a wider perspective. We know that a combination of factors, some of which were more important than others, led to the economic growth and political stability of the countries mentioned by the Speaker.

For instance, Singapore and Malaysia benefited under a strong leadership in philosophy called "authoritarianism."

This type of leadership was much possible for the fact that both, but that first of Singapore and Malaya the former of Malaya brought dominant political power to their respective countries. Malaysia is distinguished by abundant natural resources such as oil, rubber, palm oil, tin and timber, although lacking in natural resources. Singapore benefited from the strong anti-corruption of its leaders that people for the city-state's economic and social growth.

In the case of South Korea, Park Chung-hee would be the dominant power for a period for 18 years (1962-1979) to rise from his business country into an economic powerhouse. The leadership factor worked in contrast with the former people's house administration, namely, dead end, corruption, persecution, nationalism, discrimination, persecution and repression, etc. Korea's economic growth came from its people's hard work, but it is not the only reason that this country has a "strong"

more people with a close-knit family structure.

It is a public knowledge that the Catholic Church in the Philippines is very wealthy. A number of bishops, given authority over large millions of dollars, have been making large profits out of running schools and hospitals.

It is very sad that the original purpose for which these institutions were established—to help the poor—has been forgotten. These Catholic institutions are now changing the poor's condition.

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## Tax the Church to keep priests in line

I AM A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH in the Philippines and I am writing to you to express my opinion on the Church's role in the country. The Church is a powerful institution in the Philippines and it has a great influence on the lives of the people. However, it is not always clear how the Church's actions are in line with the teachings of Jesus Christ.

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# Fund lack keeps 'slide victims in mass grave

**REAL, QUEZON—FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE MORE THAN 90 persons who died in landslides in the 10-story Repsol building in Barangay Tigson, the coming All Souls Day will be different from previous ones.**

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that would accommodate the victims.

The mayor said they would also re-bury and transfer the remains of the victims who were buried in the debris near their homes.

However, he admitted that the collapsed local government was hard-pressed to provide the estimated P200,000 for the new cemetery project.

Mayor Pido Francisco, the respondent,

said responsibility rested on the government.

"We still have some remaining funds from the previous relief projects. I could help finance the project," Mayor Pido said.

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## Benguet execs take pride in UNDP award

By Delmar Carillo  
 PH/Manila, Luzon Bureau

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—OFFICIALS here were surprised to learn that the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) has named Benguet as the most progressive among the country's poorest provinces.

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In its report, the UNDP said Benguet had the lowest poverty incidence—10.1 percent, compared to 18.1 percent in the rest of the country.

The UNDP confirmed Benguet's achievement during the 10th Annual National Development Conference in Manila, which was held in the city of Manila.

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## ARRIVAL RITES

Indigenous Tagbanua tribal elders perform a ritual to drive away evil spirits and welcome the good news aboard the *Conservation Ship Balibisan Mariner* after its arrival in Puerto Princesa Oct. 15.

## Bacolod bishop reiterates call to stop collection of new taxes

By Carlo R. Gutera  
Aldo Marashe for enr

BACOLOD CITY—BACCED BISHOP Vicente Karunungan called on the faithful to pray that God will touch the conscience of the nation's leaders to prevent the further suffering of the people, as he reiterated his call for government to stop the implementation of unneeded taxes added on no Sunday.

"Let us pray that God will touch the hearts of those who collect and those who pay taxes so that they will realize the problems of our nation," Karunungan said, emphasizing the call to the faithful. Cited in an interview with Enr.

Karunungan stated the end of the Mass was for a VJ and the effect on the national government support (GDP) that includes an endorsement of a "no period no policy" and a law on public sector. Multi-calling for.

The bishop stated the opposition of the Church and the lack of the Government of Bacolod on the basis of the law.

would do the work.

"There can be no true peace in the Philippines if we levy such taxes on the impoverished population, and if our government will not address the problem, the present state is enough

to generate sufficient funds," he said. Debated on Congress on the basis of the Supreme Court's decision on the constitutionality of the Mining Act of 2005, he said.

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## Mayor says anti-bird flu efforts not enough

UNDAUNED, BANGKOK—It is agriculture and health departments may not bring local governments to support they needed to the village against the entry of the bird flu virus into the country, Mayor Jitthapong said earlier.

Police criticized the new departments after agriculture officials declared a ban on duck raising in 30 provinces where migratory birds have landed and where village and on health officials prepared hospitals and started testing on humans for the virus.

"There are limitations (efforts) but these are not enough," he said. Police criticized that after several months of lobbying, the Department of Agriculture, Department of Health and the National Disaster Coordinating Council have yet to support initiatives against bird flu in the country.

"There, for now, is the prevention of virus that would limit off the 250,000 birds necessary to its control, which is in the control of the 10,000 in Bangkok. However, the rest that would supply birds to the 200 duck owners who had agreed to stop raising their ducks around the airport, and a book get by a police vehicle and patrol units that would guard the quarantine zone."

The town's anti-bird flu task force estimated these efforts to cost 100 million, he said.

"We have done our best in the campaign but the national government's funds could not support the other needs. When I heard that DA and DOH talked about setting up a million of people in the quarantine zone, it was not as if we were left out," Polprasert said in a phone interview.

He said he has grown tired of appealing to the DOH that early this month promised to provide anti-pneumonia-containing information on the virus.

"These pamphlets would be useless if people don't participate in the drive. Initiatives are not lacking in my town. Why don't they help us?" he said.

The DA, through the Bureau of Animal Industry, only gave two veterinarians who would assist in the 24-hour monitoring of bird points and quarantine zone.

"They think there are enough. There are not. The very efforts of the four lines, subgroups and personnel in my town also agreed to be mobilized for the preventive measures, are really not even getting any help," Polprasert said.

"For the anti-bird flu drive in the provinces, these national agencies are not really seeing the state of the country's local governments. In the anti-bird flu effort," he said. (Enr) Bangkok, 1000 Central Union Road.

## Oriental Negros got P5M from GMA fertilizer fund

By Remy S. Antonio  
Philippines Star

MANILA, CITY—THE PRO-NEGRO of Oriental Negros received a portion of the P50-million fertilizer fund shortly before the 2004 elections but local officials insist the money was not used for President Macapagal-Arroyo's campaign.

Provincial Administrator Maricela said the provincial government received P5 million from the Department of Agriculture through the Central Luzon office.

She did not remember the exact date when the province received the money but she said it was before the 2004 presidential election.

But she said the money could not have been used to finance political campaigns from former lawmakers.

She said the money was used to purchase farm inputs and equipment, which were delivered to farmers in the province' long

after the elections."

"In fact, the fertilizer fund was not used for the campaign but for the province's development. The election for the building process took time," he added.

The former congressman on agriculture and food is conducting an investigation of the allocation of the P50-million fertilizer fund.

The funds were allegedly distributed to the province's poor farmers through local government units.

Provincial Administrator Maricela said the P5 million received by the province, P5 million more in purchase of inputs and equipment for farmers.

He said the fertilizer was distributed to different farmers' groups about six months after the May 2004 elections.

The remaining amount was spent in buying 12 units of the fertilizer, which, Maricela said, had been used.

# Sulu gets US aid in new front in war on terror

**ERAS, MULL-APPROXIMATE**  
It's not only the threat to the peace of the Sulu archipelago, but also the threat to the peace of the Philippines, that the US has been able to bring together the two countries on one front.

became beneficiaries of the 2nd Medical and Dental Corps Active Program (MOCAP) operations for the year 2009-2010. Special Operations Task Force (SOTF) units, considered the best of the best, are going to the Sulu archipelago and other Muslim areas, to see if the many priority areas of the US

Army, based in Zamboanga City, for their humanitarian assistance. Aside from providing medical and dental services, its focus is on providing assistance for infrastructure projects in the province.

US Marine Capt. Scott J. Smith, chief of the SOTF's medical and dental support, said that focusing on child care would have a greater impact on the children when they grow up.

Despite the growing concern over the presence of IS operations in some parts of the province, Malabon said there would be no war exercises in the province.

He said the US military will be in the province to help in the fight against terrorism, but not to fight.

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## 2 days of rain bring misery to Quezon folk

**SARILIK, QUEZON**—CLOSE TO 1,000 houses in eight villages here and another five in nearby Marikina were submerged in floodwater Friday night when the water level in the Marikina River peaked after two days of heavy rain.

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## ARMM teachers plan suit over missing P200M in pay

**COORADO CITY**—TEACHERS in the autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) are suing the regional government for the missing P200 million in pay.

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# First Mass enshrined in Limasawa

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## Share religious feelings

YETTERLY every resident helped, through monetary contributions or manual labor, in building the 10-million pesos, Caidilan said.

Some helped clear the steep road making up the hill, while others carried sacks of sand or cement during the construction from Iloilo to Legaspi.

The entire shrine is almost done, save for the landscaping and some finishing touches.

## Gratitude

In his homily, the prelate thanked the people of Limasawa for "contributing with open hearts whatever we can give, big or small, in complete

dedication."

"This is our concrete expression of our gratitude to God for the gift of the Eucharist," he said.

Caidilan said the land came largely from local contributions. All 41 parishes under his diocese pledged and delivered one-half of the expenses. The remainder was raised through contributions from local, public and other donors, including Filipino communities abroad.

## Livelihood

Both apostles had churches, the bishop, who heads the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines' Episcopal Commission on Migration. Perillo, also got a holy shrine from

the Limasawa International Foundation in Sweden land.

With their church, the growing symbol of their deep faith, shrine-complex, residents hope their help would also come in the form of livelihood and infrastructure.

"Here, resources are limited for the people are very resourceful and religious," the bishop said. "The real problem here is economic development and infrastructure."

A quarter power the 400-450 houses stand only from 6 p.m. to 12 p.m. Outside of that, very few residents switch on their open generators. Most of them still use kerosene.

However that has the narrow, unpaved roads are no better than dirt roads. Most of them are

made of sand. There are a few longhorns.

## Hospital has no doctor

The small, ill-equipped community hospital has had no doctor for about two years now, said residents here in Western Palawan, 67.

To move around the island, residents use motorcycles, "motorbikes" and, occasionally, jeeps. Many still walk, no less they want to hop on a single bike with less other people.

Meanwhile, usually fishermen, take a one-hour boat ride across Isigud Bay to sell their catch, mostly squid dried under the sun, in Puerto Princesa town, Manila or Iloilo province.

The people here keep their long

dream, maintaining a dark blue water. This with the coastal road where one can barely see a single piece of land. It's always green, newness looking in the "jungle."

Confined to optimism that 10-managers will be a healthy pilgrimage site, it was a popular one to go to.

## Tourist zone

The island has been a "tourist zone" as declared by the Senate since 1994. But the prelate lamented that there has been very little effort to promote it.

About 450 people here during when the new shrine now stands in the "center of the highest hill" on the island where Magellan planned a huge wooden cross.

Before the original cross was destroyed during the Pacific War, the hill is now a pilgrimage site like the shrine before it.

In the late 1970s, Caidilan was elected pope of the town, considering that it was the site of the first Catholic baptism.

But the place pulled through, Caidilan would have attempted, perhaps from an over-the-hill, sending them too to Limasawa.

It was not clear what happened to the place, but the bishop decided to return in the meantime for local pilgrimages to Limasawa.

In his own little way, the prelate wants to shepherd Filipino Catholics to whom their faith and hope are the place.

## Priest summons spirits to join GMA ouster bid

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of the dead to join in ouster President Francisco Arroyo from Malacañang.

As the nation prepared to mark All Saints' Day, Reyes presided called on the ghosts of dead and martyred Filipinos to haunt Mr. Arroyo from swinging over the island of the dead.

Since most prelates have failed to work their magic, Reyes said he was now seeking the help of souls to "haunt him and pinch his conscience."

Reyes, Reyes plans to visit the graves of martyrs, including that of the slain militant labor leader Wilson "Bo Dapay" Lapina, at the Lapina Memorial Park in Manila to ask for their intercession, the prelate said in an interview.

## Sensitive ground

He will be joined by followers of the Rabelo (Tree of Hope), who pray and fast at the People Power Movement in Quezon City for a change in government leadership.

The priest could be treating an sensitive ground as the Roman Catholic Church does not believe, at least officially, in the existence of ghosts.

According to American Jesuit scholar Mary Rose Kevin Michael Quirk, Judicial Vice of the Diocese of Manila, top-Charleston "Ghosts are popularly understood to be the spirits of deceased persons who linger about in this world, sometimes causing mischief (poltergeist) and other times merely inhabiting a particular place for one reason or another."

## No leaving heaven or hell

"Defined as such, the teaching of the Church does not admit the existence of ghosts," he said.

Quirk said that the Last Paper Benedict XVI, in his encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*, stated that upon death, "the human condition experiences the particular judgment and, from there, is assigned to heaven, purgatory (in the way to heaven), or hell."

"The human soul never departs from hell, from purgatory it is eventually admitted to the bliss of heaven," the scholar added.

## Communion of saints

"And since there is no return from hell and the release from purgatory is unknown, the existence of ghosts is ruled out."

Reyes, however, said the Apostle's Creed mentions the communion of saints, which could also refer to the communion of spirits.

"There is a communion of the living and the dead," he said.

Reyes also gave evidence to the belief of ancient Filipinos that they could communicate with the souls of their departed.

Also yesterday, members of the People's Movement of the Philippines gathered at the Makapuu ng mga Bayan to honor those who had fought the Marcos dictatorship.

## 'Ghosts reaper'

They lamented what they called the "death of Philippine democracy" under the Arroyo's presidency, citing numerous human rights violations committed during his term.

"Mr. Arroyo is the Grim Reaper of Philippine democracy," the group said in a statement.

The militant Kilusang Magbubuwail ng Pilipinas also got into the Halloween spirit.

Referring to a Philippine money general accused by millions of the brutal invasion of political dissidents, KMP secretary general Raulo Ramon named the Gen. Arroyo (Pillager) and Mr. Arroyo (The "the murderer of the victims of their orchestrated political killings would have them in the end of their days and justice is served."





# Gov't readies sale of Mimosa leisure complex

## Dangles casino license to lure investors

**By Ronald W. Cummings**

**CLARK DEVELOPMENT CORP.** is set to bid out the 232-hectare Minnow Leisure Estate in the next few weeks following a favorable decision of the Supreme Court giving the go-ahead for the sale.

CHC Chair Marlene Murphy, who is also president and chief executive of the Ramo Construction Development, furthering said in an interview that foreign companies have significant interest to take part in the bidding.

"A pre-bidding conference will take place in November and the opening of the bids is set for early in 2002," he added.

He added that the state-owned Philippine Newsweek and Spelling Corp. has committed to produce a license for the winning bidder to present a cultural film.

This development demonstrates Pan-Asian to be linked, another former military facility for which the government is adding efforts to convert into other uses, has bought the site of a California based gaming company.

ology Three Point's U.S. business location came first, where it would open a sales-and-build-a-house-division and office.

Development of nursing businesses in the Greater United States Air Force facility was underway, Moore said.

"By the end of the year, Clark will be handling a total of 50 flights a week, including those to and from Dayton to the United Arab Emirates," Adams added.

CDC, a government-owned and controlled firm, took over the Minnesota company in December 1990 after the opening, Monday, of Lebara and Fluorid Corp., failed to settle back rents amounting to at least \$400 mil-

CDC agreed to give Madsen a chance to reverse management and financial decisions, but the latter failed to comply with CDC requirements, which led to the decision to sell the company through auction in 1994.

Hwangkong asked the Emperor's Court to stop the fiddling through a temporary restraining order as it questioned the terms and conditions set forth by the

In a decision dated June 23, 2005, the Supreme Court denied the writ of certiorari. Mississippi's petition to certify the Court of Appeals' dismissal of a complaint against the firm regarding its failure to meet its obligation to continue bonds.

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ported more up a \$1-billion ship-  
yard at the Baltic Sea port after it  
signed preliminary papers with  
the Baltic Way Shipbuilding In-  
dustrial.

Armand C. Araya, SIMA, ad-  
ministrator and chief executive,  
said in an interview that if the  
planned shipment is completed, it  
would be the fourth largest in the  
world. The official, however, dis-  
closed no details of the prospective  
Korean buyers.

The battery will be able to accommodate big words that can handle 8,000 twenty-five copies last week (a 20% drop).

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width

The shipyard, which will occupy 200 hectares, will take five years to build.

More importantly, this literature is expected to create awareness among the public about the need to build

The USMA official said finalization of the arrangement for the Korean firm to become a Subcom is being facilitated. People want it to be wrapped up in time for the South Korean president's visit to the Philippines in Dec. 1992.

He also said the company had

### Japan bank clears sale of Masinloc plant

By Ningwu Li, PhD

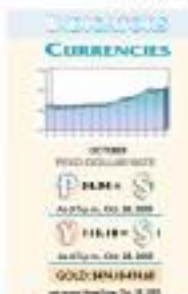
AFTER ABOUT A YEAR OF WAITING, THE Japan Bank for International Cooperation has finally given its consent to the sale of the 400 megawatt (MW) Shinkai coal-fired power plant to Transalco.

SEC, one of National Service Corp.'s major creditors, was the last lender to issue its consent. The Asian Development Bank and the World Bank issued their consents in July and December, respectively.

After careful consideration of the request (of the Department of Energy, Nippon and the Power Injection Assets and Liabilities Management Corp.) and in accordance with all existing loan agreements, we advise the Japan Bank for International Cooperation, hereinafter on behalf of the lenders other than JMC, hereby consents to the transfer of the ownership (of the nuclear plant) from the borrower to the Power Injection Assets and Liabilities Management Corp., JMC director Masahito Hosono said in a letter dated Oct.

The lender likewise gave its nod to the transfer of the power plant to NYSM Inc., which won the auction with a \$180.7-million bid.

NYSM president Steven Simon said earlier this week that the completion of all required legal work consistent for the plant also means that the government could already request the transfer of the required 40 percent upfront payment of \$122.8 million to the national gov-



## STOCK MARKET



### Sluggish trading seen in shortened week

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# BUSINESS

## DA cuts corn production goal for 2005

### 2nd semester output seen higher but not enough to cover decline in H1

THE COUNTRY'S CORN OUTPUT this year is expected to fall short of the target by 200,000 tons due to a drop in the first semester production.

The Department of Agriculture (DA) said that the country's corn production for the year is 5.2 million metric tons, down from 5.4 million in 2003.

Agriculture Secretary Domingo Maguiness said production in the second semester of the year could be higher than the target, but the increase would not be enough to offset the 13.18 percent production loss caused by the drought in the first half.

The tight supply situation will likely cause a decline in corn prices at the farmers' level, Maguiness said.

The country's major corn produc-

tion areas in Luzon, particularly Cagayan Valley, had been severely damaged by the drought.

The decline in corn output is not expected to be felt strongly due to a continuous in-demand.

Also, Agriculture soon proposes director Arsenio Lacson, in a separate interview, noted that there had been very minimal movement of corn from Mindanao to Luzon due to the doubling of freight costs, which was hampered on rising oil prices.

Ministers and business producers in Luzon, who are the direct buyers of corn for their own use, have been demanding a price of 12 pesos per kilo, but the DA has been unable to meet this demand.

The Bureau of Agricultural Statis-

tics and that based on its survey, at least half of the country's corn producing regions would likely post production increases in the second semester.

"But it will be very difficult to meet the full-year target unless there is a dramatic surge in production in the second half," according to the senior DA business group Philippine Maize Federation, Inc. president Roberto Bana.

"Our corn farmers are improving a steadily increase in prices, especially in key corn producing areas in Luzon, such as Bulacan, Pangasinan, Isabela and Cagayan Valley," said Bana.

Corn prices have risen up to P13.00-15.00 per kilo at the farmers' level, Bana said.



**QUALITY CHECK**

Trade and Industry Secretary Peter S. Garcia and Vice President Noli de la Rosa (center) inspect one of a batch of corn in Baguio, Kibabotan, Nueva Vizcaya City to make sure that consumers receive corn comply with appropriate standards.

## RP to hold air talks with ME countries

By Carlos S. Rios

THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY AIR FORCE will talk with Middle East countries in the coming months to discuss various aspects of its military cooperation in the region, according to the country's defense secretary, said Secretary of Defense Lorenzo Mendoza.

Mendoza said he had met with Gulf Air officials last week and that the discussions of the talks brought up their plan to expand the airline's operations to the Philippines, if it is able to secure necessary permits.

"Gulf Air wants an additional flight from Manila to Bahrain and to Oman," and Mendoza said.

Gulf Air, the Middle East's oldest airline, currently flies one route weekly to Manila from the United Arab Emirates and Oman. The airline is expanding itself into other markets and open up new routes.

"We want the Philippine government to assist in bilateral talks with Bahrain and Oman to secure the necessary permits," said DA president James L. Wright in an interview.

Mendoza, however, said that the problem was that the existing flight to airports was still in the hands of the United Arab Emirates. A report will be submitted soon.

"In the meantime, we offered them Clark, Cebu and Davao," said the secretary. "We Clark is too small for regular service." The airport at the latter international military base is under renovation and has not yet been opened.

Gulf Air and Middle East airlines have established in Middle East carriers. Its military manager is also a Bahraini and is currently in the Middle East to conduct a 10 percent of the airline's freight share.

The Middle East carrier has a 10 percent freight share from Bahrain, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, according to Mendoza.

Gulf Air will fly three times a week to Beirut and to Afghanistan in South Asia from Bahrain, carrying 100 passengers, 100 tons of cargo and 100 tons of mail. The airline will fly to the two new destinations to increase its service to the region.

Wright announced that the Bahrain-based flight, 20 percent of the airline's freight share, will be used for a post-terrorist relief in the Middle East.

Gulf Air had also discussed possible code-sharing arrangements with Philippine Airlines (PAL) and some other airlines in the Middle East.

"Frequency and connectivity is the key issue. Our objective is to have a daily flight to the region," he said.

## ADB launches peso bond

By Dato C. Domingo

THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB) opened up the Philippine capital market last week, launching a landmark P23 billion peso-denominated bond issue, and setting the way for more capital market institutions to take a similar step in the future.

The ADB's offering represents a major step in the local capital market. The first single A-rated local currency issue, the first bond issue by a foreign entity and the first "supranational" issue.

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Governor Antonio Triguera Jr. said the ADB has received inquiries from over 100 institutional investors for similar local currency issues.

Philmania said the ADB was hoping that the issue would add to the local capital market and provide a new source of funds for the Philippine government.

The proceeds of the bond issue will be used for a post-terrorist relief in the Middle East, he said.

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INTERACTING art session

The First Iloilo Arts Festival serves notice that a sleeping cultural giant has woken up



MUSEO Iloilo is now by enthusiasts

## Iloilo rocks

By Lim B. Zaleski

ILOILO HAS ALWAYS competed with other key Visayan capitals, such as Cebu, Bacolod and even Davao, as centers of commerce, education and recreation. Now, with the just-ended First Iloilo Arts Festival, it has served notice that it would also establish itself as a center of arts and culture as well. What we are seeing is a cultural giant waking up.

And the waking up occurs the message of the First Iloilo Arts Festival Organized recently by the Iloilo City Convention Bureau and its

president, Gila Teresa S. Garcia, the festival signaled a shift in the tourism promotion of the port city. From here on, the Iloilo region is now free to use its own resources to attract tourists to the island.

But as a tourism center, Iloilo hasn't really been large for all these years. Without fanfare, it has achieved relative success in creating heritage awareness.

Through private sector initiative for instance, the Museo Iloilo was established by the Iloilo Cultural and Research Foundation (ICRF), making its home in a modern modern building standing on the provincial government grounds.

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## LIFESTYLE

## Jack Salud's dotted wonders

UNUSUAL, yet multicultural in spirit, formally constructed yet intuitive, inductive, unlearned, inward and dreamlike, yet understated, dramatic and surreal. There is an endless list of divergent qualities which are held together in Jack Salud's work.

Once more, the portrait artist known for his water figures paints scenes of everyday and often a subtle but clear sense of humor.

Titled "Dotted Asia IV" the three works Salud's 17th one-man exhibit, which opens at Gallery 129, 1/1, Gloucester St., South Boston, on Oct. 4-11.

Increasingly exposed with more than 100

million dollars' worth of paint, the artist features large scale murals of Salud's trademark, organic yet marked shapes are used to form background of swirling leaves, sometimes in subtle children's play and others.

Salud first entered the art scene in 1986

when he was invited by Chae Hui of Gallery Gensai to participate in the gallery's

series "Ways on Ways" showcasing group ex-

hibitions, which was put together by the artist

In 1987, he opened his first one-man exhibit at the Aquia Museum. Salud subsequently received the prestigious commission to design one of the museum's Christmas cards that year.

In 1990, he opened his first international solo exhibit in Rappang, Tokyo, through the permission of the Japanese Department of Foreign Affairs.

In the month of Old Japan, renowned artist, "Salud's art when with early emotional feelings, but with a mixture of unlearned elegance and a touch of surrealism. But it is the Oriental element that is perhaps the most of his work...a transmuting process that envelops every figure in his dream-like images."

All the work, rendered in acrylic, reflects the artist's view that "simple and pure pleasures are what give a person true happiness and spiritual enrichment."

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"Dotted Asia IV," by Jack Salud

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## Demetrio's . . .

Photograph C2

Intuitive use of Demetrio's oil works in the form of his last project "Voyage of the Philippines" (Oct. 21, 2002) is the last of the work and mostly included in his book.

When the final day Demetrio, the original artist for his work.

"I was surprised to find that this medium is what he most comfortable with. With watercolor, each landscape scene is a scene of a scene. There's a sense of flow, as if there's a way, it brings you to other experiences" said Demetrio.

His subjects range from ancient scenes to modern, urban and religious. It helps that he has honed his skills in photography thus, he was very of light and shadow.

For "The Sea" series he has used mostly oil on canvas.

Demetrio is holding his first solo exhibit at the City of Boston, "Demetrio by Demetrio" (Oct. 21-27, 2002) at the City of Boston.

The show runs Oct. 21-27, 2002.

City of Boston is at City Hall, Boston and West City, Boston, Massachusetts City Call 617-624-7244.



"Voyage of the Philippines"



"Makara Furu"



"Makara"











## LIFESTYLE

# Pitoy's Bb. Pilipinas doll fetches high price at Czech auction

**F**ELIXINO DRAGONIS PITOIY MORIMENTS' Bb. Pilipinas doll that represents the Philippines' support for the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) program was sold at 25,000 Czech crowns, one of the top three highest prices fetched by a doll at auction in a fundraising campaign in the Czech Republic.

The Philippine embassy in Prague reported to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) that Morimont's Bb. Pilipinas doll, which he himself named, was designed and donated by the fashion designer in support of the fundraising campaign of the Czech Republic for Unicef's "Adopt a Doll and Save a Child" on Oct. 12 at the Parliament of the New House Museum in Prague.

The fundraising campaign aims to gather support for Unicef's humanitarian projects and revitalize the Philippine fashion industry in

the Czech scene.

Philippine ambassador to the Czech Republic, Gertrude Salas said the embassy made representations with Unicef.

"This, with great generosity of spirit and impeccable fashion sense, designed and donated a doll magnificently suited to a little Czech girl's or boy's individual style," Salas said.

She added that Morimont's doll was among the top three featured dolls along with two other dolls from Unicef's well-known fashion houses, the Italian house of Prada and French brand Hermes.

The embassy said a total of 17 dolls were auctioned off this year including 14 from top Czech designers.

From the auction alone, the Unicef was able to raise 225 crowns, or roughly \$5,000, equivalent to the cost of vaccinating 175 chil-

dren. Most of the participants in the auction were members of the business community in the Czech Republic.

Unicef's project aims to raise funds for a worldwide Unicef vaccination campaign by using a doll as a symbol that children around the world need vaccines.

Salas said the main idea was for each doll to represent a real child from a developing country who would be vaccinated against the six most feared childhood diseases: polio, measles, hepatitis, meningitis, whooping cough and tetanus.

Each doll is adopted or sold for the equivalent of \$25, which is the cost of providing immunizations and vaccination.

Unicef again included in this year's fundraising campaign an advertisement with donations of dolls created by well-known fashion designers and visual artists.

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PITOIY MORIMONT

## Christmas-card masterpieces

THE YOUNG ARTISTS FOUND PROJECT (YAFP) debuted in 2004 to encourage the public sector to support the arts, particularly new artists.

YAFP issued a number of Christmas cards last year in a vehicle for young painters to showcase their photo alongside known names in the industry. The favorable response to the project has inspired 12 artists to submit their cards to YAFP's Christmas in a new collection of cards for 2009.

Each artwork, upon acquisition by a corporate client, comes with 100 pieces of the Christmas card bearing the image on its cover.

The 12 artists featured in this year's collection are Patricia Aronson, Art Shapiro, Yvonne Kelly, Michael Curran, Salvador Ching, Pinoy del Rosario, Jessica Kofsky, Alfred Galante, Wanda Gilmore, Ben Sorenson, Jeff Sorenson, and Ben Torglerberg.

YAFP 2009 continues with an exhibit of the 12 artists' Christmas cards.



"THE MASTER Has the Keys," by Ben Sorenson



"JOY to the World," by Felipe delRosario



"THE BRIGHT Place," by Jessica Kofsky



## Shell awards outstanding student artists

COLLEGE JETSETTERS FROM 44 COUNTRIES across the country submitted a record 3,277 entries to the recently concluded 2008 Shell National Students Art Competition.

Ronald Brandoza from the University of the Philippines Diliman won the first prize in the oil-on-canvas category with his still life sculpture, "Roses, Lamps and Rubbers."

From China's Philippine National College, Justine Soriano won the competition for "Coming to Know You" for her oil painting of a young girl in a white dress.

Second prize went to 17 (Oman), Paolo Luis Francisco for "My Mother," Christian Laine of Dallas State College for "My Little Girl," and Janelle Ann G. Guevara of UP Diliman for "Gold."

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"Roses, Lamps and Rubbers" by Ronald L. Brandoza

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A/AN Bridge over a river in Zhoushan is a Venetian setting in Asia.

If Europe has Venice, Asia has the endangered water towns in the southern Yangtze of China



A RESTORED wooden bridge spans a "water street" in Suzhou.

## Waterworld

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## AAP now accepting entries

THE ART ASSOCIATION of the Philippines, in partnership with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts and the Government Systems Insurance Security, formally an-

nounces the 38th annual AAP art competition.

Major categories are painting, mixed media and sculpture. Special categories are book and video, drawing, photography and digital art.

Only regular members between 15-20 years old may join the special categories.

Deadline for submission of entries is Nov. 20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the GAD Bureau of Art, Financial Center, Plaza City, Call Area 3030900.

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